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1. RDO HAS RECEIVED REF (A) AND IS UNABLE, INTER ALIA, RECONCILE \$172,000 PROJECTED FOR FIRST TRANCHE, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT QUESTION OF CARRYOVER FROM 31 MAY 1973 REMAINS TO BE RESOLVED. WHAT IS RELATION THIS FIGURE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO PROJECTED BUDGET MAY 1973 TO APRIL 1974 OF \$470,239 FORWARDED REF (B)? IF \$172,000 WAS DERIVED FROM THIS BUDGET ESTIMATE, THEN HOW WAS IT CALCULATED AND WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE? IT DIFFICULT, IN THIS RESPECT, COMPARE LINE ITEMS IN \$470,239 ESTIMATE WITH LINE ITEMS (U.S. CONTRACT TECHNICIANS AND CONTRACT LOCALS) USED TO BREAK DOWN \$172,000. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.

2. INsofar UPITT PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENT ARE CONCERNED, WE ARE UNCERTAIN, FIRST OF ALL, OF STATUS THESE VIS-A-VIS DRAFT AMENDMENT NO. 6 FORWARDED REF (B). SECOND, WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHOSE COURT THE BALL IS IN AND WHERE THE INITIATIVE PROPERLY RESTS FOR PROCEEDING WITH FORMULATION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WHICH MOST PARTIES SEEM TO AGREE ARE NEEDED. WHILE THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS FORWARDED REF (B) WERE THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF RDO AND UPITT'S CHIEF OF PARTY, THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO AID/W BY UPITT HAVE NOT ONLY NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH CHIEF OF PARTY, BUT HE WAS NOT EVEN AWARE

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OF THEM.

3. FURTHERMORE, OCEAC HAS NOT BEEN CONSULTED RE
EITHER REF (B) PROPOSALS OR THOSE SUBMITTED BY UPITT. IN
THE CASE OF FORMER, IT WAS BECAUSE OCEAC SEC GEN WAS AWAY
FROM YAOUNDE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND, THUS, NOT AVAILABLE.
COMMENT. ALBEIT RESIDENT IN YAOUNDE FOR SHORT PERIOD OF TIME,
RDO, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AND REVIEW OF HISTORY OF PROJECT,
INCREASINGLY OF VIEW THAT SUCCESS OF PROJECT IS GOING TO
DEPEND ON STRENGTHENED AND MORE REALISTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH
OCEAC; DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION BY OCEAC; AND EXTENT IT HAS
VESTED INTEREST IN PROJECT. OUR EVALUATION AND ANY
REORIENTATION OF PROJECT, INCLUDING CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, OUGHT
TO TAKE THESE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT. MOREOVER, RDO OF OPINION
THAT CHIEF OF PARTY SHARES THIS VIEW. END COMMENT.

4. THERE ARE CLEARLY DIFFERENCES IN SUBSTANCE AND FORM
BETWEEN PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENTS REF (B) AND THOSE
SUBMITTED BY UPITT. BEFORE COMMENTING ON UPITT PROPOSALS AS
REQUESTED REF (A), OR OTHERWISE RECOMMENDING HOW WE PROCEED,
WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS FOREGOING.

5. TURNING TO UPITT REPORT AND WORK PLAN, RDO FINDS IT
DIFFICULT COMMENT IN DETAIL AT THIS TIME MAINLY BECAUSE
FORTHCOMING EVALUATION AND OBLIGATION SCHEDULE MORE OR LESS
SUSPEND WORK PLAN. IN GENERAL TERMS, HOWEVER, REPORT SEEMS
REASONABLE PRESENTATION OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND
DIFFICULTIES, ALTHOUGH ONE SUSPECTS INTRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY
IN CLOSING, IS A BIT OVERDONE. WORK PLAN, IN ABSTRACT, IS
HARD TO QUARREL WITH. ITS VALIDITY IN OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, CAN
ONLY BE TESTED AND JUDGED IN CONTEXT OF PROJECT EVALUATION
AND ANY REORIENTATION OF PROJECT WHICH MIGHT RESULT THEREFROM.
THUS, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, RDO WOULD PREFER RESERVE
COMMENTS ON WORK PLAN SUBJECT TO EVALUATION AND FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH CHIEF OF PARTY AND OCEAC.

6. FINALLY, RDO WOULD APPRECIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND
COMPOSITION EVALUATION TEAM SOONEST.

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